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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 19th.

After a game full of thrills England at Twickenham defeated Scotland by three goals and one dropped goal to nil, thus winning the International Rugby Championship for the second year in succession. Once more Scotland's hopes of regaining the Calcutta Cup, which England has held since 1912, were disappointed, and the Twickenham record remains intact. While the English XV. were deservedly winners, the margin of points, in their favour rather flatters them, for the Scots were by no means so far outplayed as the score suggests. Two scores at least would have been only Scotland's due. Chances were thrown away by both sides, although the Englishmen were less at fault in this respect than the Scots.

The game, as is so often the case, depended on the packs, and in this division the Englishmen were superior. Having a considerable advantage in weight, they carried the majority of the scrums, and so plenty of chances were afforded to their backs. Anticipation that the older English forwards might not last the game proved justified, it was the younger Scots who were the more played out at the close. The fine display of the English back was somewhat marred by a tendency to obstruction, which was far too leniently dealt with. The whole pack indulged in passing, both close and wide, at every opportunity, and could change to a dribbling rush in a flash. By contrast the Scots were not nearly such a formidable sight. They failed in just that part of the game where they were expected to be strongest—that is, in scrummaging. They were beaten frequently for possession, their line-out work was faulty as good as that of the Englishmen, and they brought off several close dribbles which took the side out of difficulties on more than one occasion. But there were also occasions when they overran the ball or kicked too hard.

The struggle at halfback was of the keenest, and although playing behind beaten forwards and struggling against the obstructionist and offside tactics of the English wing forwards, came out of it with credit. Bryce was pluck personified. Time and again he made the most daring saves from the feet of the opposing forwards. Waddell was the outstanding player in the Scottish back division, his breaking through being very clever and his defensive touch-kicking of the greatest value. The Scottish three-quarter line failed to rise to the heights of brilliance which they displayed against Wales, in fact they were only a moderate quartette. Smith had three wonderful punts in the second half. Wallace also made some fine punts for the line. On the whole his defence was good and his tackling sound. The centres were patchy. Macpherson did some clever things, but was inclined to fling his passes carelessly, and when beaten by an opponent he made no apparent moves to recover. The defensive qualities of the line, concerning which doubts had been freely expressed, were much better than was anticipated. Drysdale's kicking had neither the length nor the accuracy which we have come to expect from him.

CLUB GAMES.

With the destination of the Club Championship practically decided, much of the interest has departed from the competition. Both the leading clubs, Glasgow High School F.P. and Glasgow Academicals, had easy tasks on Saturday, having as their opponents Glasgow University and Greenock Wanderers respectively. Heriot's just scraped through in their game with Royal High School. The Watsonians counted defeat by placing a weak side in the field against Edinburgh.

LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL.

In the Association League International at Glasgow, from start to finish the game was practically a struggle between the English defence and the Scottish attack, and the contest was too one-sided to be attractive. Yet the visitors led in the scoring for the greater part of the time, a simple goal falling to them about 25 minutes from the start, and this lead was held till 20 minutes after the interval, when Morton equalised for the Scots. In defence the Scottish side may be said to have fulfilled expectations, but the weakness of the English forwards precludes undue encomiums being lavished on the Scottish defenders, and the failure of the home forwards to turn their incessant pressure on the English goal to winning account was a disappointment and proof of ineffectiveness somewhere that demands remedial measures when the side for the real International with England comes to be chosen. The English side was undoubtedly flattered by the drawn result, even the defence having at least an equal share of luck as of merit in their comparative success in withstanding the constant onslaughts of the Scottish attack. A weaker side has rarely opposed the Scots in this game, and it is not difficult to understand England's failure in International contests this year.

ASSOCIATION CLUB GAMES.

The Club League games were featureless. Ayr confirmed their cup win over Clydebank and collected two important points. Falkirk beat Celtic—a feather in their cap. Hearts, who had made wholesale changes in their team, defeated Third Lanark. Clyde were soundly beaten by Kilmarnock, and Queen's went down again, this time to Raith Rovers.

HOCKEY.
Although defeated Scotland put up what was easily their finest performance of the season. The actual result, three goals to one in favour of England, was by no means a true reflection of the play, and a draw of three goals each would have been no injustice to either side.

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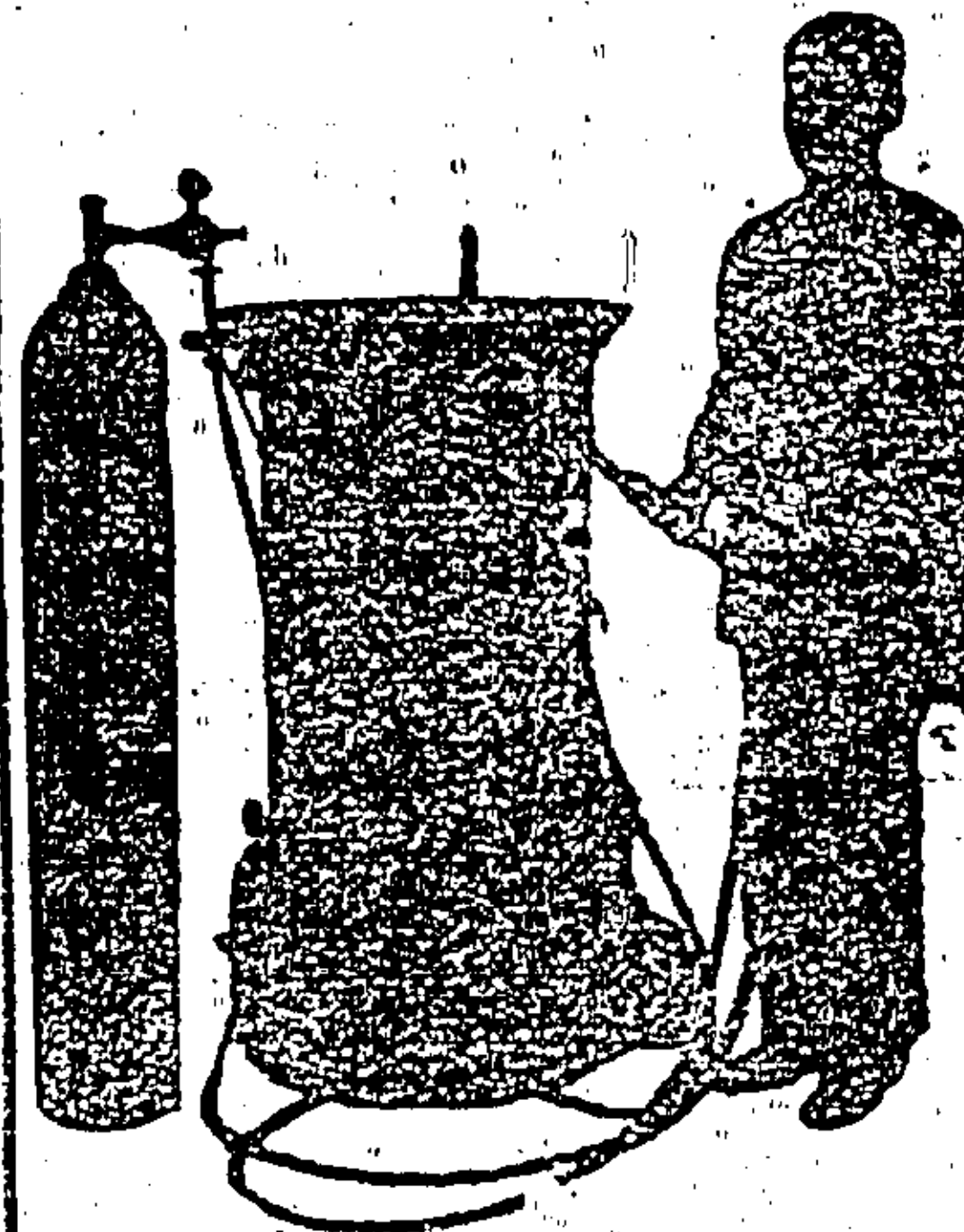
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BUDGET SUGGESTIONS.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND THE INCOME TAX.

In connection with the forthcoming Budget, the London Chamber of Commerce has adopted and transmitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer a number of resolutions.

The first deals with the Corporation Profits Tax, which it is urged should be finally abolished by reason of the fact that it has been universally recognised to be bad in principle and equitable in incidence.

Abolition of the Three Years' Average is also suggested, it being contended that at the present time it would appear that the changes would not involve the Exchequer or the average taxpayer in loss owing to falling or rising profits respectively. The Chamber considers that the Income Tax still stands at a rate which is heavier than trade and industry can reasonably bear and should, therefore, be reduced. The capital needed for expansion does not become available with an income tax of 4s. 6d. in the £ and a liability for super-tax in addition to all incomes exceeding £5,000.

In the opinion of the Chamber, a development of the cheque system would admittedly bring with it enormous advantages, both financial and economical, and the greater use of cheques for small amounts would have a most favourable effect upon the currency note issue. The small contribution to the National Exchequer arising from the increase in the cheque stamp duty from one penny to two pence, the Chamber contends, is no compensation for the restriction of the system thereby caused, and a return to a penny stamp duty is therefore highly desirable.

BANKS "ON VELVET."

MR. WILLIAM LEACH'S PLEA FOR
THEIR NATIONALISATION.

Mr. William Leach, Under-Secretary for Air, who addressed a meeting at Hanley on the subject of "Municipal Finance," was described by the Mayor as "a wizard in municipal finance."

Mr. Leach, after stating that he must resist the temptation of the chairman to discuss a national subject like that of the Air Force, said he must also deny the suggestion that he was a wizard. The politicians he knew who were wizards came from Wales. (Laughter.)

There was more outcry against the spending of one shilling in rates than one pound in taxes, said Mr. Leach. No Government had ever trusted the municipality. One reason for this was that if the municipality were allowed full freedom it would restrict the Government's power of getting money, and create the most amazing revolution that this country had ever yet seen.

A much-needed reform was the nationalisation of moneylending. The bank, as the go-between of the present system, was on velvet. Banking was a highly profitable, safe, easy, straightforward business, and should certainly be in the hands of mun-

icipalities. Banks were palatial buildings, one of the fundamental necessities of banking being that it should be done in premises which inspired confidence.

"I believe," he added, "it would be some relief to the financing of municipalities if all the banking industry were a public industry recognised by the State with municipalities conducting it as branches. Many of our financial problems would be eased by such a thing."

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Ewo Cotton Mills	75 1/2 b.
Cement	\$24 old, \$24 new s.
China Provident	\$16 old & \$6 s.
Fairy Farm	\$251 s.
Waterloo	\$16 b.
Watsons	\$264 s.
Hongkong Electric	\$5 nominal
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VERANDAHS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]—

Sir,—It has been the custom since the early days of the Colony to allow owners of property adjoining the principal streets to build veranda over the sidewalks of those streets. This is an obvious advantage to the property owner, he gets protection for his windows without sacrificing space; it is an advantage to the occupier, who gets a convenient sitting-out space practically in the open air but protected from the weather. It is also an advantage to the public, as it gives protection from the weather to those using the sidewalk—a protection which is of considerable value in a climate like this. The custom is of the nature of a privilege; the property-owner pays no rent nor premium for the accommodation, he signs an agreement undertaking to remove the veranda when called upon to do so, and he is charged with the cost of paying under the veranda. But the custom is so far established as to be the subject of certain sections in the Public Health and Building Ordinance. These sections do not in any case specify definitely that veranda will be allowed, but by specifying the conditions under which they will not be allowed—e.g., if the street is less than 50 feet in width—they leave it to be inferred that in cases where they are not specifically excluded there will be no question about their being allowed.

It seems to the writer that what the Colony wants is some continuity, some fixed rules, to know where we are, and not to be subject to changes to suit the ideas of any particular official. This, however, is not the view taken by the Building Authority, who at the present time is disallowing veranda in places where they would have been allowed without question 12 months ago, and this action has given rise to the suspicion that the time will shortly arrive when no new veranda will be allowed over the public footpaths and even that a date may come when existing veranda must be taken down.

The case against veranda has not recently been stated in public. Twenty years ago Professor Simpson, in a report on the sanitation of the Colony, pointed out that they obstructed the access of sunlight into the rooms. Against this it may be said that they allow much better ventilation of the rooms during the rainy season, and beyond this, the controlling idea seems to be a general desire to get even with the landlords who have done so well out of the general rise in value of property in recent years. In favour of veranda it may be said that the landlord gets more profit, the tenant more accommodation, the Government more rates, and the public better protection from the weather.

It seems a case in which an expression of public opinion either in the Press or in the Legislative Council, or in both, might with advantage be given. The case in favour of having veranda over the footpaths seems to the writer much stronger than that against it, and if this view represents that of a large body of public opinion and is expressed in the right quarters it is not likely that the Government will proceed with the proposal for their abolition.—Yours faithfully,

ARCHITECT.

AN AFTERMATH OF THE WAR.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]—

Sir,—Will you be kind enough to spare me a little space on the subject of St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind, in aid of which a Ball is being organized (note advertisement on page 6 of your paper) under the patronage of Lady Stibbs?

Most of us have a vague idea that St. Dunstan's has done and is doing noble work, but of the importance and magnitude of that work few of us are aware. As a matter of fact, of all the many charities that come before the public none deserves more whole-hearted support than this famous institution. St. Dunstan's is the only place in England where the blinded ex-Serviceman is taught to reconstruct his life on useful and happy lines. It was founded by the late Sir Arthur Pearson—himself blind—and until his death was controlled and directed by him.

The training at St. Dunstan's equips blinded men for every possible occupation that the slightest can follow. Nearly 2,000 men were sent back from the battlefields without their most precious gift, eyesight. They were helpless and hopeless; but from St. Dunstan's class-rooms, workshops and training establishments they have gone into the world again fit and able to hold their own in many professions, crafts, and occupations. They have been established as trained masseurs, accountants, insurance brokers, business organizers, telephone operators, shorthand-typists, carpenters and joiners, mat makers, basket makers and jokers, poultry farmers and in other branches of industry. But the work of the institution is not finished, and it must not faintly while the need for it remains. It is sometimes difficult to make clear to the

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MALAYA'S CIVIL SERVICE.

PROTEST AGAINST PREJUDICE
AND COLOUR BAR.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements last week, the Hon. Mr. TAN CHENG LOO, rising on the motion for adjournment, referred to the exclusion of others than Europeans from the Civil Service, as a matter of universal and personal interest to the people of Malaya, which affected their vital interests and rights. Exclusion from the Civil Service of British Malaya had engendered discontent since it was introduced in 1904 and would sooner or later cause an agitation if they waited too long. To his mind it was a question of simple justice that non-European natural born British Subjects should be admitted to the Civil Service sphere of human activity, for taking a real and active part in the government of the country, was longed, hotted and barred. They felt their position was that of hewers of wood and drawers of water. Mr. Chong Lock, referred to the statement of Mr. Harecourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies when the matter was raised in 1912. He said he was ready to consider the question of British born Chinese and Malays being admitted to the cadet service, if there was a local demand for the concession. It was quite possible that the Government now would make the same pronouncement, and this Government could then consider if a local demand existed. India was well placed on the high road to wards responsible dominion Government, and Ceylon had obtained a liberal constitution based on enfranchisement of the people. Were we less civilized than Ceylon or inferior politically and industrially, or did we fall short of showing loyalty to the Government, the justice of the claims of the people as deserving earnest and favourable consideration.

The Hon. Mr. TAN CHENG LOO, supporting, said it appeared that prejudice and colour bar were the chief reasons for exclusion.

The Hon. Mr. NAMJUNYAN hoped that when the time came Government would advise alteration. He was sure they would divide British subjects into two classes, one which would have the privilege of entering the King's drawing room and others of proceeding only as far as the King's stable.

The Colonial Secretary said the Civil Service was combined for the whole of Malaya. Political conditions in the Straits differed fundamentally in some respects from those of the F.M.S. and Unfederated States where the Government was under very special obligations to the Malay rulers and people. It would therefore be necessary to consider the views of the owners of the soil in these territories before contemplating a departure from the present rule and recruiting the owners of those territories with special rights more than any other.

THE LANGUAGE OF SAIGON.

Commenting on the difficulties of giving Annamite children a good knowledge of French, the *Le Petit Eclair* of Indochine asks: And when they do know French, how will they be able to understand the newspapers of Saigon? Here, it asserts, we should think with a little exaggeration, are two extracts from Saigon papers:—
"Hier soir le manager de Saigon Water boat Company donnait un grand party qui fut le graveur de la saison; fancy fair, bridge tables, dancing, matches de lawn tennis, etc. Tout le high life Saigon nait present, les dames et les gais, etc."

On turn.
"Samuel prochain au Grand Continent. L'Hotel Palace, à l'occasion de la visite d'un grand américain touriste, party avec le twin screw liner *Bellevue*. Il y aura dancing, service des amusements, le super sera servi à minute, le menu comprend: Mutton broth, Fish balls, Irish stew, Chicken pie, Cabinet pudding, Stewed Fruits, Chester Cheese, Ice cream."

public why that need still exists. So long after the guns of a world at war ceased fire, many people cannot understand how it is that at the present moment there are 120 men under training at St. Dunstan's. They are men who, but for their heroism in the war, would never have lost their sight. They are a proportion of the 35,000 men who were discharged from the Army and Navy with defective eyesight directly attributable to the wounds received and hardships endured during active service. Are not these men, and those who will inevitably follow them into the dark world of blindness, as deserving of all the care and education St. Dunstan's affords as the soldiers and sailors who were blinded on the battlefield or in the trenches?

There is another all-important part of St. Dunstan's work. That is the wide spread After-Care Organisation, whose responsibilities commence with the completion of the training of the war-blinded men and end only with their death. Apart from their own homes, there is the provision of raw material for their work, the help they must have in marketing the goods they make, the care of the health of themselves and their families, and the visits of trained instructors to maintain the craftsman's skill at their business. In sickness, in health, in his business and in his pleasures, the After-Care Organisation plays the part of patron saint to every son of St. Dunstan's.

The work of St. Dunstan's, by the completeness, efficiency and effectiveness of its results, is unique in the history of private charitable enterprise. But notwithstanding the most rigid economy it is being hampered by lack of funds. There are many of us here who, with less luck, may have been numbered with the unfortunate men living in perpetual darkness, men who have been taught to bear their burden cheerfully and unselfishly by St. Dunstan's. Surely the ever-generous public of Hongkong will not neglect this opportunity of identifying itself with such noble work!—Yours truly,

ENTHUSIAST.

SPORT.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

G. W. Sewell is to be congratulated on his victory over R. E. Worthington yesterday. In the semi-final of the Handicap Single "A" he defeated Worthington by two sets to one.

Results:—
Handicap Singles "A."—G. W. Sewell (—3/0) beat R. E. Worthington (—15/3), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Open Championship.—L. Forster beat R. J. Saunders, 6-2, 3-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES.

The following arrangements have been made for future tennis matches to be played on the Sand Court:—

Saturday, April 26th.—Semi-final doubles, Open Championship.
Monday, April 28th.—Semi-final singles, Open Championship.
Wednesday, April 30th.—Final doubles, Open Championship.
Friday, May 2nd.—Final singles, Open Championship.

It is hoped to present the prizes won in the tournament on Friday, May 2nd, after the Final Singles.

LOCAL BOXING.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

From to-morrow the general public will be able to secure their seats for the Hongkong Boxing Association's sixth tournament of the season, which takes place at the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening next. The "headliner" is a fifteen round contest between C.F.O. Callaghan and Burton (R.G.A.) for the heavy-weight championship of the Colony and the Hongkong Exchange Brokers' Association Belt. Callaghan has been seen here before. A victory for the Naval man is predicted. Still, nothing is certain when "heavies" clash. In the other matches—one bantam, two welter, two light, and one feather, and all of six rounds—will be seen a number of boxers who have appeared in former H.K.B.A. tournaments, including Paddy, Wynnham, Barber, Major and I think, Furlham. Altogether it is a good programme, and one in which some of the minor events may easily eclipse the scheduled fifteen-round "go" between the heavies. Booking for Association members opens to-day. Members are looking after these arrangements. The usual prices are being charged.

THE RINGSTER.

POLO.

NAVY CUP FINAL.

The final of the Navy Polo Cup was contested on Tuesday when Capt. Neville's team defeated Mr. C. C. Boyd's team after playing extra time.

The teams were:—
Capt. Neville, Mr. Davies, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Stanton.
Mr. C. C. Boyd, Mrs. Boyd, Mr. Cobbold and Lieut. Com. Woolrych.
At times each side had scored a goal and in the extra time, the ball entered Mr. Boyd's goal after a scramble for his goal mouth. Capt. Neville scored for his team and Mr. Cobbold was responsible for the point for Mr. Boyd's team.
H.E. the Governor presented the prizes.
Mr. Boyd's team were winners of the Sir Francis Burrell cup.

V.C. SPORTS.

The hon. secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club reports another entry for the 100 yards open flat race (in connection with the Club's annual sports on Saturday), viz. P.C. John Macleod, a new arrival for the Hongkong Police Force, who has, it is understood, done the distance in "even" time (10 seconds). There are now, therefore, 19 entrants for this event, including well known local runners such as Omar, Rahman and Urquhart.

ARCHBISHOPS'S TRIAL.

"THERE IS NO LAW HERE BUT THE SOVIET."

Captain Francis McCullagh, formerly a journalist in the Far East, and who was the time the *Daily Mail's* special correspondent in Moscow, was present throughout Archbishop Cleplak's trial, and described it, though he risked his life in doing so.

The trial took place in March 1923, and in his new book, "The Bolshevik Persecution of Christianity," Captain McCullagh gives a full and vivid account of it, with much additional information.

The Archbishop's first "offence" was that he refused to sign a circular letter to his clergy ordering them not to resist the confiscation of Church treasures. What infuriated the Bolsheviks was that the Catholic Church remained incorruptible, invulnerable, solid as a rock, before all their threats and attempts at proselytising atheism.

With the Archbishop on trial were Mr. Budkiewicz (who also was condemned to death and who was brutally executed by the Bolsheviks) and a number of priests.

This was one typical passage in the cross-examination of one of the priests:—
Krylenko (the Bolshevik prosecutor): Did you not know that the Soviet law forbids the teaching of religion to persons under 18?—But there are other laws—those of God and of the Catholic Church. And the law to teach religion is divine.

We care not about any other law. There is no law here but Soviet law. I will obey the law of God and of my conscience.

"I SPIT ON ALL RELIGIONS."
When Krylenko began his speech calling for the death of all the accused, he shouted to Archbishop Cleplak:—
No Pope in the Vatican can save you now. Your religion, I spit on it. I do so on all religions—on Orthodox, Jewish, Mohammedan, and the rest."

The limit of horror was reached when, after one particularly bloodthirsty outburst, the Communists in the audience broke out into loud applause. It reminded me, says Captain McCullagh, of how, nearly 2,000 years ago, the Jews in Pilate's court shouted for the blood of Christ.

A TROPICAL DISEASES INSTITUTE.

THE WAR AGAINST MALARIA.

"When I was a boy, I had a friend from whom I parted in July. In August that friend was in a small hamlet in a Brazilian yellow-fever zone. He died of yellow-fever with most of his shipmates a few days after his arrival."

"In those days, this was a common occurrence in the yellow fever zone. Men made their will or resigned their souls before they went to them. Sometimes ships would lose their entire crews there, and new crews would be sent to them from England, and these crews would also die. No man knew how the disease came, nor how it could be cured, or prevented; it was one of the mysteries and one of the terrors of life."

"While I was still a boy, I passed some summers in a land where nearly everybody was unconquered by mild attacks of malaria during each summer. This, too, was one of the mysteries of life; none knew how the disease came nor how it could be prevented. 'It was due,' men said, 'to bad air from the marshes,' even when there were no marshes."

"Then Sir Ronald Ross discovered the part played by the mosquito in conveying the malarial parasite, and instantly the whole vast mystery of tropical disease was made clear. Little remained but to 'find the carrier' of the germ of each disease. It is not too much to say that Sir Ronald Ross cut the Panama Canal and made a third of the world habitable."

"Not long ago, I visited three cities, each terrible in the past for its yellow fever record. I was in them in the summer, months when in the old days hundreds would have been dying in every ward, and other thousands shivering with ague. Sir Ronald Ross had made those cities each peaceful and as healthful as Bath or Hampstead."

"This is the greatest thing done in our time by one man."

"The nation which produced that man should crown his deed with a living power to make his work not a memory, but a lifting-up of life throughout the world."

Thus writes Mr. John Masferrer in a foreword to a pamphlet, "The War Against Malaria," issued as an appeal for £20,000 to establish the Ronald Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases, which is to include a Research Hospital. France, it is pointed out, has her Pasteur Institute in memory of the great scientist and to carry on his work, and Britain should similarly honour one of her greatest investigators. Such an appeal should come home with special force in Hongkong, where one of the places safe for mankind, its science has made the work of the late Sir Patrick Manson in Hongkong, in regard to investigation of the causation of malaria, should not be forgotten and its satisfactory to note that the appeal for the Ross Institute makes appropriate reference to the contribution of Sir Patrick Manson towards an understanding of the causes of malaria.

We understand that the Hongkong Government is considering the question of supporting the appeal, which should certainly commend itself also to firms at individuals in the Far East.

ALTERCATION AT YAU MATI FERRY WHARF.

PASSENGER ASSAULTED A TICKET
SELLER.

A Chinese was charged at the Yau mati Police Court yesterday with assault on the Yau mati ferry wharf at Kowloon. Complainant, giving evidence, said that at 10 p.m. on Tuesday he was selling tickets in the third class booking office of the ferry on the Yau mati side, when the accused handed him 12 cents and asked for three tickets. Witness explained that this price was 15 cents, whereupon the accused swore at him. Witness was only acting for the regular ticket-seller, who was temporarily absent. The latter came back, and witness left the booking office. The defendant and two other men were outside. They came up and all three assaulted him.

A Chinese constable said that he saw the defendant and some other men hitting the complainant. He arrested the accused, but the others got away.

In answer to the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton), Inspector Blackman said that up to 7 p.m. the third class ferry fare was 4 cents, and 5 cents after that hour. The accused pleaded that he was in a great hurry, and on Tuesday he received only two tickets on Tuesday 12 cents, his friends became annoyed and struck the ticket attendant. He did not know where they were. They ran away.

Accused was fined \$25 or one month's hard labour.

ARMS ON THE "PAUL LECAT."

FIVE CHINESE CHARGED.

A sequel to the reported seizure of arms on board the *Paul Lecat* in Hongkong harbour was witnessed yesterday when Det. Sgt. Doring, of the Water Police, brought up five Chinese before Mr. Hamilton at the Yau mati Police Court. One was charged with having unlawfully in his possession in the waters of the Colony of Hongkong without a permit from the C.S.P.

18 Mauser automatic pistols, and 8,500 rounds of ammunition.
The other four men were similarly charged in respect of 30 revolvers, 2,900 rounds of revolver ammunition, and 85,000 rounds of Mauser ammunition.

His Worship formally remanded the accused for seven days, so that they could be legally represented.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY. LOCAL CELEBRATIONS. LUNCHEON AT HONGKONG HOTEL.

St. George's Day was celebrated in Hongkong yesterday by luncheon at the Hongkong Hotel which was attended by many enthusiastic supporters of the local Society of St. George.

Prior to the tiffin, the Society, as in previous years, sent to Lady Stubbs a bouquet of roses, the emblem of English people.

A number of congratulatory telegrams were received by the local Society from the various Societies in the Far East. Many messages were also despatched by the Hongkong Society.

The tiffin, which is a new departure for the Society, though organised on a modest scale was an unqualified success. The tables were tastefully decorated with bunches of red and white roses. Dr. G. M. Harston, Vice-President, was in the chair, and supporting him at the head of the table were: The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (Acting Attorney-General); His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. R. B. H. Hancock, the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, Mr. H. B. Winslow, the Rev. H. Copley, Mr. Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, Mr. P. Cassidy, Mr. G. H. Piercy, and Mr. M. E. Avery. Mr. Dowley presided at the foot of the "T" shaped table and with him were Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Hon. Secretary) and Mr. H. E. Hollands.

At the conclusion of an excellent luncheon, the toasts of H.M. the King, H.H.H. the Prince of Wales (President of the Parent Society) were honoured, after which Dr. MONTAGUE HARSTON addressed the gathering. He said: "Gentlemen, this day is being celebrated by Englishmen throughout the length and breadth of the British Empire in memory of our Patron Saint, St. George. All nations of the world have for countless ages past set apart one day on which to take stock of their welfare and measure their standing as a race. On St. George's Day it is our custom to review the activities of the English race, as being, I will not say the most important part of our Empire though it may be considered to be such by the other constituent parts, but as constituting the most numerous section and the main foundation of our Empire. We consider it particularly fitting that on this day His Majesty the King should be opening the great Empire Exhibition at Wembley."

A FAR FLING COMMONWEALTH.
"We as Englishmen are as proud of our birthright as the ancient Roman was proud of his citizenship. The national memory of St. George stands as a symbol, not of our citizenship, for that would be to take too small a view, but of our patriotism as members of the great British Empire. The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, when speaking at the Welsh national banquet recently held in London, made use of the following words: "We belong to a far-flung Commonwealth, not English, not Welsh, not Scottish. Its strength is its variety and its individuality. Variety, the offspring of individuality, is the parent of genius, and the rock foundation of nationality. Nationality is the idea of the inspiration which is going to keep our nation strong, not only in power but in those fine spiritual forces which alone can create a nation and keep it alive."

He also made a most important remark during this speech, which was to the effect that: "The man who tries to smooth out the differences in our variety of race has his hand uplifted against our existence as a nation." meaning, I take it, that our variety of temperament constituted a binding force for the good of the Empire.

THE ENGLISHMAN'S GREATEST ASSET.
"Now, it does not do on an occasion like this to give away too many of our secrets, but I am going to reveal one secret concerning the success which the Englishman has undoubtedly achieved. To my mind, the greatest asset of the Englishman is his innate faculty for the immediate recognition of ability in others, and his natural aptitude for adapting that ability to his own and the nation's welfare. The genial temperament which is inherent in every Englishman completely disarming the owner of that ability. This, gentlemen, is the real reason why we have a Scottish Prime Minister to-day. (Laughter.) We acknowledge the economic ability of the Scotsman, the Celtic fervour of the Welshman, the intermingled influences of the Irishman and the candid criticism of the Colonial-born, be he of English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish descent. We do not begrudge them being head of this or that, we are delighted that this should be so, contenting ourselves by ensuring that their great natural talents should be directed into the proper channel sufficiently conducive to our mutual welfare. The one thing we always have our eye upon is their ability; as Englishmen having an intimate acquaintance with this attribute ourselves, we are the more ready to welcome it in others, whether manifested as Wizardry from Wales, Scotlandness from Scotland, Ingenuity in argument from Ireland, or Collaboration from our Colonies. We are as pleased to have a Leader from London as we are to have an Empire Counsellor from Capetown.
"Gentle reason (know thyself) was the motto of the ancient Greek; we always endeavour to live up to motto. We appreciate the judgment of others, whether it be commendatory or the reverse. We are ever mindful of the fact

that the English race is not confined to the limits of the British Empire. It is the hope of this Society that use may be made of this fact for the ultimate maintenance of the peace of the world. We realise that some members of the English race are to the extent of one hundred per cent. of another nationality. We know, however, that we shall always have their kindly thoughts with us in our efforts in this direction.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.

"We concede the utmost respect for the League of Nations, but its limitations were recently somewhat unduly exposed to view. In this connection let me call the attention of all visionaries and altruists to the fact that Man is a member of the animal kingdom, and that the animal kingdom obeys the laws of nature or suffers in the alternative. The fundamental law of nature is expressed in the principle of the survival of the fittest."

It is within the bounds of possibility, in the not remote future, that the English race may become a preponderating factor in the maintenance of the Peace of the World. Let us not live therefore in a fool's paradise of disarmament, but rather so direct our armaments in collaboration with our cousins of the English race that we may be able to maintain this World Peace.
"Let me appeal to every Englishman in this Colony to join this Society, which stands for all that is outlined in those admirable lines penned by Gladys Jackson in the *South China Morning Post* this morning: 'Let the Englishman picture to himself the rural beauty of England, the Avon as it meanders past the birthplace of our immortal Bard, surely such a picture will make irresistible music in his mind and lighten his exile.'
"In conclusion, gentlemen, let me reiterate: The survival of the fittest is the immutable law of nature; may the English race both within and without this Empire, ever be fit to survive." (Applause.)

Mr. W. A. DOWLEY then proposed the toast of St. George of Merrie England.

MESSAGES RECEIVED.
The Vice-President read the following congratulatory messages which had been received from Headquarters, London, and other branches of St. George's Society:—
London.—"Fraternal greetings. England's day. Baldwin chair sixth May."
Tientsin.—"Heartiest greetings from Tientsin.—Eckford."

Peking.—"Loyal greetings, best wishes."
Hankow.—"Greetings.—Melliss."

Shanghai.—"Heartiest greetings from Shanghai. TRENCHARD DAVIS."

Iroh.—"Heartiest greetings, best wishes.—KINTA."

Hankow.—"Loyal wishes and congratulations.—GOREL."

The Vice-President announced that it had been decided to send a congratulatory message to Mr. H. W. Bird, the President of the Society in Hongkong. The following is the message sent:—

"H. W. Bird, Hongkong Section, Wembley Exhibition. Heartiest congratulations from St. George's Society assembled at tiffin.—HARSTON."

The Hongkong Society sent the following message to Headquarters:—
"Hongkong Society send loyal greetings and best wishes to parent Society. HARSTON, Vice-President."

The following message was broadcast to Shanghai, Kobe, Tientsin, Penang, Malacca, Kinta (Perak), Hankow, and Peking:—

"Best wishes and warmest greetings from Hongkong Society.—HARSTON." The Headquarters' message to Hongkong was also forwarded by the Hongkong Society to each branch.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND.

As announced last month, the Hongkong Committee in charge of funds raised in connection with the Japanese Earthquake Disaster decided to remit the balance of the Fund, amounting to some \$115,000.00, to Kobe, Yen 50,000.00 to be used to meet the deficit on the working of the relief ship *Zai Wayang* and \$75,000.00 to be divided equally to meet Japanese and foreign needs—"foreign" being understood to mean Chinese, British, American, any nationality other than Japanese.

In acknowledging the moiety—Y43,091.29—to be used for non-Japanese relief, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Earthquake Relief Fund, Kobe, writing to the Secretary of the Hongkong Relief Committee under date 15th April states:—

"Arrangements will be made to allot a share of the above sum to the British and Chinese Committees as requested, although the former will not require much, as my Committee also looks after the needs of British subjects by a mutual understanding with the British Relief Fund."

May I ask you to convey to your Committee our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude for this splendid and timely donation. We had come almost to the end of our resources, while on the other hand there are still frequent requests for assistance from deserving ones which could not be met excepting for this unlooked-for donation from you. On behalf of my Committee I beg to thank you very sincerely for the same."

A PUZZLE. WHO CAN SOLVE IT?

Local reporters as well as the staff at the Harbour Office had a very difficult problem to solve yesterday. A Japanese Officer of the O.S.K. steamer, *Koku Maru*, in the course of his shipping report, states:—

"Our Indian Guard, No. 320 shot his pistol for defence by consul of France at Canton on last day but no loss of limb."

Readers may like to exercise their own ingenuity in discovering from the report what really happened.

OUR GIRL GUIDES. ANNUAL INSPECTION.

INTERESTING COMPETITIONS INAUGURATED.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL TROOP WIN THE PRINCE OF WALES BANNER.

Not a great deal is heard of our Hongkong girl guides but that does not mean a cessation of progress. On the contrary, the District Commissioner (Lady Stubbs) and her officers have been working hard getting the guide movement into something like efficient running order. How far her Ladyship and her assistants have succeeded in this direction was to be seen at Government House yesterday afternoon when the four companies of guides in Hongkong, viz: The Murray Troop, the Central British School Troop, the Wanchai Troop and the Diocesan Girls' School (and Kowloon Troop) were inspected by the Commissioner and examined in various phases of scout or rather guide-craft.

The inspection, as was explained by Lady Stubbs, to a representative of the *Daily Press*, was more or less of a private affair. Her Ladyship admitted quite frankly that it was thought premature at the present time to hold an inspection parade in public. Next year, it was hoped, the girls would make such progress as to warrant the parade and subsequent competitions being held in public. As it was, a number of personal friends who have shown a live interest in the Girl Guide movement in Hongkong were invited to yesterday's function: principally those ladies and gentlemen who lent their gardens for drill parades, etc., or in other ways helped their movement along. Amongst those present were H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs), Major-General Sir John Fowler (whose daughter is a very keen guide), Sir Claud Severn, Lady Stuart Taylor, Mr. Champkin (Scout Commissioner) and others.

A series of very interesting competitions had been arranged for the four companies of guides, the winning Company, that is to say the one securing the highest number of points, holding for one year the "Prince of Wales" banner, which has been presented to the Guides of Hongkong for competition. This banner is similar to the one presented to the Hongkong Boy Scouts a year ago. These imposing banners are made of richly worked silk, embossed with the Prince of Wales' feathers. Originally, they were woven as the side screens of a sedan chair used by H.R.H. in his journey from Blake Pier to Government House two years ago.

The competitions (eight in all) include such interesting events as knot tying, drill, first aid, general knowledge, tracking and so on. The girls were exceptionally keen showing that their training had been beneficial. Particularly good were all the Companies in first aid work. The competitions were adjudicated by Scout Master White, Miss Patterson (Divisional Captain of the Girl Guides) and Lady Stuart Taylor. During the course of the competitions Sir Claud Severn delivered a short speech to the girls in which he paid tribute to Lady Stubbs for asking the girls to assemble in such pleasant surroundings as Government House. After remarking that it was the first occasion on which the competitions had been held, Sir Claud related the history of the banner. He expressed the hope that those Companies which were not successful in winning the coveted trophy would not be downcast but try all the harder to win next year.

The results of the competitions were announced at about 6 p.m., the winning Company being the Central British School. Lady Stubbs, in handing over the banner to the Company congratulated the members most heartily on their success. Her Ladyship went on to say that the competitions had been keenly contested and hoped those who had not won would work hard during the ensuing year.

The banner was handed over amidst applause. Cheers for the District Commissioner brought the proceedings to a close, the first verse of the National Anthem being sung.

The following is the table of points awarded to each troop:—

	Murray Troop	Central British School	Wanchai Troop	Diocesan School	Girls
Laws and Promises (20)	14	15	11	14	
Union Jack (35)	14	32	25	21	
Recalling (35)	11	21	18	13	
Drill (25)	22	15	10	20	
First Aid (25)	23	23	23	24	
Tracking (25)	22	22	18	21	
Inspection (10)	9	10	9	10	
Summaries and Ability (10)	8	6	4	6	
Total	129	135	116	129	

12 HOUSES AN ACRE.

MR. WHEATLEY'S STANDARD OF DENSITY.

The Minister of Health (Mr. Wheatley) issued a circular to housing authorities in England and Wales recently stating that while he recognises the necessity of some elasticity in view of varying conditions in different districts, he deems that in future the local authority should submit for his approval any case in which it is proposed to build houses or to grant a subsidy for houses with a density of more than 12 houses on any one acre.

Development work, it is stated, should not be begun by local authorities and certificates should not be issued to intruding builders until the Minister's approval has been obtained.

At the same time Mr. Wheatley reaffirms the view expressed in a previous circular that a density of approximately 12 houses to the acre represents a desirable standard.

BOARDINGHOUSE KEEPERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

"AN INTOLERABLE POSITION."

A Chinese boardinghouse keeper was prosecuted at Yau-mat Police Court yesterday for allowing a room in his boardinghouse to be used for an immoral purpose.

Inspector T. Murphy said that, acting on instructions, he visited the boardinghouse at about midnight on the 8th inst., and in room 17 he saw a man and a woman. The woman denied that she was a prostitute, but in view of her general appearance, he was not satisfied.

Here a certain amount of amusement was caused by the production of the woman in Court for the Magistrate's inspection.

Continuing his evidence, Inspector Murphy said that there was no baggage in the room.

H. W. Bishop: Except, perhaps, the woman. (Laughter.)

Witness added that he examined the boardinghouse register. An entry had been made in respect of a man and woman in room 17, but the names did not altogether agree with the names given to witness by the couple when he questioned them.

The book was handed to the Magistrate, who observed that from the entries made in it, the boardinghouse people could not possibly know who their guests were, where they had come from, or where they were going.

Mr. M. M. Watson, who appeared for the defence, said that he did not pretend to deny that the room had been used for immoral purposes, but it was for the police to prove that the defendant knew it. He put his client into the witness-box.

Defendant said that on the evening in question, a man and a woman asked for a room. They wrote something on a slip of paper, which the fook afterwards entered in the register. The fook, on witness's instructions made the usual enquiries. The couple were given the room. They had never stayed in the boardinghouse before.

In answer to Mr. Hamilton, the defendant said that he personally saw the pair arrive. They had no baggage. He sometimes allowed people to stay in his house without baggage. He must make money. He knew that he must not allow his rooms to be used for immoral purposes. He understood that he must take reasonable precautions.

His Worship, in a short discussion with Mr. Watson, said that he was inclined to think that to admit people to an hotel without luggage of any kind, and merely to demand the financial safeguard of a deposit, was not taking reasonable precautions.

Mr. Watson contended that it was an intolerable position for an hotel-keeper that he should be expected to cast doubt on the statements of visitors who had said they were man and wife and had signed a document to that effect.

His Worship found the summons proved, and imposed a fine of \$30.

THE ACTING PUISNE JUDGE.

MR. A. DYER BALL TAKES HIS SEAT ON THE BENCH.

Paiding the arrival of the new Chief Justice of Hongkong (Sir Henry Gompertz, G.C.B.E.) Mr. Justice Gompertz is fulfilling the duties of acting Chief Justice and Mr. Dyer Ball that of acting Puisne Judge. Yesterday morning the acting Chief Justice continued the hearing of a small case in Summary Jurisdiction in the big Court and Mr. Justice Dyer Ball took his seat on the bench for the first time in the small Court.

Two small cases were down for decision before the Puisne Judge.

In one of these the defendant did not put in an appearance. Mr. E. S. Brooks appeared for the plaintiffs in both cases. In the first case he explained that he was placed in rather a difficult position as the promissory note, the subject of the action, had been lost.

His Honour thought the proper course would be to adjourn the case *sine die*. This was done. The second case was one in which Kwong On Tsung sued Kung We Cheung for \$20,151, being the balance due for goods sold and delivered.

His Honour, after hearing the evidence of the plaintiff in the case, gave judgment in his favour.

Mr. Brooks then asked for an order for immediate execution as he understood that the defendant was making away with the goods. This was granted without costs.

\$528,292.72 IN "PENNIES."

There is no movement more deserving of public support than that which has for its object the increase of the sale of National Savings Certificates, says the Financial Editor of *The Observer*. Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves is an old English maxim. It is amazingly exemplified in the fact that the small savings of the people have reached the vast total of \$528,292.72, of which nearly 70 per cent. still remains in hand.

Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has publicly applauded the organization which has made this vast saving of the people's "pennies" possible. His support is the more welcome in view of the somewhat ambiguous attitude of the Treasury towards this form of national thrift. Twice the basis of the scheme has been tinkered with; in the first place, sixpence was added to the price of each certificate and then last October, the maturity was extended from five to six years.

Nothing handicaps a popular form of saving such as this more than these little alterations in method. They confuse the investor and arouse his suspicion. Despite this handicap, however, these National Savings Certificates still remain the most profitable in which the savings of the people can be invested. Every 100, paid for a certificate becomes \$1 4s. 10m. per year, a clear annual increase of 3 per cent. tax free.

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- 2440 A BIRTHDAY ...
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Weather and Ground Permitting the following matches have been arranged to take place on the Grand Court. Reserved Seats—\$1 each. Booking at Messrs. MOUNTAIN & CO.

(Blue Tickets). THURSDAY, 24th APRIL, at 4.30 P.M.
NG SZE KWONG & C. CHOW

R. E. WORTHINGTON & F. A. REDMOND.

(Green Tickets). FRIDAY, 25th APRIL, at 4.15 P.M.
T. HONDA & H. D. RUMJAHN.

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ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

REGISTRATION OF Ladies desiring the Privileges of the Courses and Club Houses.

- (1) Will all Members who have not yet done so kindly notify the undersigned of Names of their Lady Relatives who desire to use Courses and Club Houses?
- (2) All Ladies other than Relatives of Members who have not yet made application for Permission to use the Courses and Club Houses should make application to the undersigned forthwith giving particulars of their cases and having applications "Recommended" and signed by a MEMBER of the Club.

By Order of the Committee,
R. D. MATTHEWS,
Secretary.

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NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of FREDERICK BROUHAM MARSHALL in the Firm of TAIT & CO., FORMERLY, Canceled as on 31st December, 1923.

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THE Interest and Responsibility of FRANCIS CAIRD HOGG in the Firm of TAIT & CO., AMOT, Canceled as on 31st December, 1923.

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CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, St. George's, "BUNNIE," No. 6, CONNAUGHT ROAD, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th APRIL, 1924, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on Wednesday, the 2nd April, 1924, and Wednesday, the 30th April, 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

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A BALL

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF LADY STURGEON.

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The ANDERSON MUSIC Co., Ice House St.;

The HONGKONG HOTEL;

The KOWLOON HOTEL.

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HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SIXTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, at 6.15 P.M.

AT THE

THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS:

15 Round Contest for the HEAVYWEIGHT

CHAMPIONSHIP of the COLONY and the

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INTIMATIONS

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have REMOVED Our Offices to No. 6, DES VOGES ROAD CENTRAL (4th Floor).
PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1924. [672]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
CHINA MUTUAL STRAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES of Company's Steamer "AUTOMEDON" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into HOLT'S Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at HOLT'S Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 22nd April. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd April, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 12th May, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1924. [684]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FROM ANTWERP, LEITH, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENALDER."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be effected.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1924. [677]

S.S. "PAUL LECAT."

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, S.S. "PAUL LECAT," from HAVRE, COGNAC, etc., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd April, 1924, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to us on or before the 1st May, 1924, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. ROSENBERGER, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 21st April 1924. [679]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "AUSSA."

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, SPALATO, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, MARSAU, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, where and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 21st instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 6th prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DOBELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1924. [678]

INTIMATIONS

INDO-CHINA STEAM-NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 29th MAY, 1924, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Morning, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd April to 29th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1924. [661]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scrip No. 4227 for 500 shares Two Corron Mats Ltd., in the name of Mr. EZRA ABRAHAM of Hongkong together with a duly executed transfer deed purporting to assign the said shares has been Lost.

The said shares are the property of the Undersigned and application has been duly made to the Company for the issue of a Duplicate Scrip.

The public is therefore warned against dealing with the said Shares without reference to the Undersigned. Any person having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the said scrip is asked to communicate with the Undersigned.

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EDWARD H. RAYMOND, Secretary.

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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1924. [662]

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MARRIAGE.

CLARIDGE—BEER—At St. John's Church, Weihaiwei, on April 12th, by the Rev. C. R. Burnett, M.A., Lieut. GILBERT PALMER CLARIDGE, R.N., son of the late Mr. J. G. CLARIDGE and Mrs. CLARIDGE of Stratham, London, to MARGARET EVELYN, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. BEER, of Weihaiwei.

Hongkong Office: 12, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

AMERICAN cables to the Manila papers show that the agitation for the independence of the Philippines is approaching a decisive stage. The Insular Affairs Committee at Washington has drafted a Bill which will test the opinion of Congress on the subject. Everybody is aware that the Filipinos are keen to get political independence, and there is a strong element in the United States favourable to granting this concession, for diverse reasons. The United States Government, from the time of its occupation of the islands in 1898, has stood pledged to grant independence. Each successive President of the United States since that time has reiterated the pledge in one form or another. Twenty years ago President ROOSEVELT declared the Filipino people at that time to be utterly incapable of existing in independence at all, or of building up a civilisation of their own. But he added: "I firmly believe we can help them to rise higher and higher in the scale of civilisation and of capacity for self-government, and most earnestly hope that in the end they will be able to stand, if not entirely alone, yet in some such relation to the United States as Cuba now stands." His successor, President TAFT, who spoke from intimate acquaintance with the problem, acquired as the first Civil Governor of the Islands, expressed the opinion that the Philippines would not be fit for self-government "for one or two generations." But concession after concession has been made to the Filipinos towards the goal at which they aim, until to-day, with the exception of the Governor-General, the Vice-Governor and

the American majority in the Supreme Court, the administration of the affairs of the Philippine Islands is practically in the hands of the Filipinos. As Senator BASSETT, who visited the islands a few months ago, expressed it "independence is already here and is being enjoyed as freely as in the United States."

The Filipino politicians, however, are aiming at complete separation from America and recognition of the Philippines as a "Sovereign State": and that aspiration appears to be embodied in the Bill which has just been drafted. The cables, however, indicate that a number of drastic amendments will be offered to the Bill. These will aim at securing some guarantee that the Philippines will not be exploited by any other Power. One amendment would expressly prevent the Philippines from negotiating any agreement with another Power that might impair her independent standing. Other amendments require that the Philippines shall safeguard all present bond issues and give assurances that new debts will not be contracted beyond the ability of the islands to pay. On behalf of the War and Navy Departments amendments will be offered providing for military bases, and it is reported that these provisions will be similar to the lease privileges holding in Cuba. It is stated that the United States will not demand any commercial preferences. The Administration, we read, is giving serious consideration to the matter of the constitutionality of alienating American territory. Senator WILLIS, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories, who is framing the proposed new Philippine Bill, asserts that the claim of inalienability is inapplicable to the Philippines because the islands are not a territory incorporated in the United States, differing in this respect from Porto Rico. He says that this view is supported by a long line of legal decisions. But the claim is contested, and it is argued that no right is vested in Congress to alienate territory, whether incorporated or not, without a mandate from the people. However, there would probably be little difficulty in getting such a mandate if Congress expressed itself strongly in favour of the alienation.

The American community in the islands has frequently expressed in resolutions adopted at public gatherings its strong opposition to the abandonment of the Philippines by the United States. The last card in the controversy is played by the *Manila Times*, which has addressed to the Chairman of the Senate Committee the following inquiry: "Should Congress, abandoning all other obligations and considerations, decide it is to the interests of continental Americans to withdraw sovereignty from the Philippines, with a provision for adequate compensation of local Americans who have given their lives and whose positions and interests in the Philippines constitute their all, would they ever be compensated should the courts ultimately decide that withdrawal by Congress is illegal?" We have seen nothing in the cables relating to any provision for the compensation of local Americans, but we have no doubt that this aspect of the question will claim due consideration while the Bill is under discussion, though we question whether the expectations of local Americans in this connection will be realised. They are in much the same position, say, as the Americans who were in the Treaty ports of Japan when the Powers surrendered their extra-territorial jurisdiction there. No compensation was paid to American or other foreign settlers in those ports when the sovereignty over them was surrendered by the Powers to Japan; none was paid by China in respect of the private vested interests of the Japanese and other foreign residents when Tsingtao was surrendered, and we have yet to learn that any provision has been made for "adequate compensation" of foreign residents in connection with the rendition of Weihaiwei to China. In such circumstances we may expect to see vigorous opposition offered by the Filipinos to proposals to adequately compensate Americans "whose positions and interests in the Philippines constitute their all." And what about the residents of other nationalities who have staked their all in the Philippines? Would they have an equal claim with the Americans to "adequate compensation"? It would, in any case, be an extremely difficult matter to decide what would be "adequate compensation" in the circumstances, seeing that foreign residents would certainly be free, under any decision that may be arrived at, to reside in the Philippines and carry on business. If the "adequate compensation" of local Americans is insisted upon, as a condition of the grant of full independence, we anticipate that it will be a long time yet before any material change is made in the present political status of the island.

Two Chinese passengers died on the *Zepi Kiang*, one from consumption and one from heart failure, during the voyage of the vessel from Swatow to Hongkong.

The cases of notifiable disease notified to the Medical Officer of Health last week were: Small-pox 9 (9 deaths); enteric fever 1 (1 death); cerebro-spinal fever, 3 (2 deaths); puerperal fever, 1.

A coal thief was prosecuted in the Yau-mai Police Court yesterday and sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour. He was arrested at Tai-kok-wei carrying coal in two baskets on a bamboo pole.

The master of a fishing junk was fined \$5 at the Marine Magistrate's yesterday, by Lieut.-Commander Conway Blake, for using his junk as a trading junk without the necessary licence. A licence for a fishing junk costs \$3.50, whilst that for a trading junk is \$25.

The Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club makes an appeal in our advertisement columns to-day to members who have not already done so to register the names of their lady relatives who desire to use the courses and the Club houses. The advertisement includes a notification to lady golfers other than relatives of members.

The Hongkong Stock Exchange and the Share-brokers' Association have suspended the "outside" issue of their daily quotation lists in order to discourage operations by "interlopers." Lee Ho-see Street was yesterday full of rumours regarding the proposed formation of the third (international) brokers' and jobbers' association. No definite action by the outside group has yet been taken.

NAVAL WEDDING AT WEIHAIWEI.

A wedding at Weihaiwei is a rare occurrence, and the marriage on April 12th of Lieut. G. P. Claridge, of H.M. Salmarine Flotilla, to Miss Margaret E. Beer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Beer, well-known as among the oldest residents of the port, was an event that excited much local interest.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Burnett, M.A., at St. John's Church, Port Edward, which had been tastefully decorated by the ladies of the port with marguerites and daffodils, mainly contributed by Mr. Russell Brown, from Government House gardens. The church was well filled with friends of the bride and bridegroom, including a number of officers of H.M.S. *Blonde*, the only ship at present at Weihaiwei.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a simple gown of white broadcloth, with the veil being arranged with a wreath of orange-blossoms. She carried a bouquet of pale pink and white carnations and was attended by her young sister, Miss Eileen Beer, who wore a becoming dress of pale mauve tulle and carried a posy of violets. Lieut. A. E. H. Cameron, R.N., acted as "best man." The bride's mother was in silver-grey and carried a bouquet of freesias.

Mrs. C. R. Burnett presided at the organ and three hymns were sung during the service—"Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us," "O perfect Love," and "Praise the Lord ye heavens adore Him." The bridal party left the church to the strains of Lohengrin's "Wedding March" to pass beneath an arch of crossed swords formed by fourteen of the bridegroom's brother officers.

Through the courtesy of Mr. M. Clark, the reception was held at the King's Hotel Annex, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mr. A. Whitaker. Standing in front of a silver floral screen, surrounded by a hand-bell which was presented by Mrs. Niven, the happy couple received the congratulations of their numerous friends. The bride's health was proposed by Mr. W. Russell Brown, the Officer Administering the Government.

The reception was followed by dancing, during which Lieut. and Mrs. Claridge left for their honeymoon, which will be spent at Peking preparatory to their journey to England per *s.s. Marjory*, leaving in a few weeks. Practically the whole resident community attended the reception. Among those present were His Honour W. Russell Brown and Mrs. Russell Brown, Capt. G. Hopwood, C.B.E., R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt-Smith, Surgeon-Commander McCloy, R.N., and Mrs. McCloy, Commander Ridler, R.N., and Mr. and Mrs. Tison.

THE COMPOSER OF "TIPPERARY."

The composer of the world-famous song "It's a long way to Tipperary" has just died. Few songs have ever had such a vogue as this, and certainly none will live longer in the memory of those who passed through the Great War. It was, indeed, the British war-song sung by the "Old Contemptibles," by every man (and woman) who served their King and country, and by the people of those countries to which Britain lent her aid. "Tipperary" was first sung in the Christmas pantomimes of 1913, and within a few months had captured the people of the United Kingdom as well as the soldiers of the Continent. The author of this wonderful marching song, Mr. Henry James Williams, who was born in Birmingham, was a cripple.

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

HIS MAJESTY'S OPENING SPEECH.

GORGEOUS SCENES AND STREAMS OF ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, April 23rd.

The overcast and chilly weather at the opening of the British Empire Exhibition in nowise dampened the enthusiasm of the cosmopolitan crowds, hundreds of thousands surging to Wembley.

From six o'clock in the morning there was a continuous series of special trains, packed to suffocation. The roads were crowded with omnibuses, motors and innumerable school boys and girls, who were among the earliest arrivals.

The scenes at the Exhibition defied description. Army workers, including the clerical managerial staffs were most busy all night long on the final stages of clearing up.

Bands dressed in scarlet were massed outside the stadium. At an early hour the huge white-robed choir was already in position facing the Royal dais, which was a blaze of scarlet, gold and purple.

"TREMENDOUS ROAR OF APPLAUSE." At eleven-thirty Their Majesties the King and Queen arrived. They were greeted with a tremendous roar of applause, which drowned the fanfare of trumpets.

Their Majesties were received on the richly-carpeted dais by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, as President of the Exhibition. The Prince of Wales had arrived earlier and presented his address.

COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS.

In asking His Majesty the King to declare the Exhibition open the Prince of Wales referred to the Exhibition as a picture of our Commonwealth of Nations. He truly believed it would suggest to the world that the most powerful agency of civilisation had its heart set upon peaceful aims and the good of mankind.

In expressing gratitude to the organisers and others, including the representatives of the Dominions, India and the Colonies, the Prince said that a great work had been carried through with splendid loyalty and energy. He concluded by hoping that the result would be to impress vividly upon all peoples of the Empire the necessity to work unitedly and energetically in order to develop their glorious heritage for the benefit of the British race, and for the benefit of other races which had accepted our guardianship, and also for the benefit of mankind generally.

OYATION FOR THE PRINCE OF WALES.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, wearing a Naval uniform, was given a great ovation by the vast audience, who stood while the bands played the National Anthem.

The dais on which the Diplomatic Corps, members of the Cabinet and High Commissioners were seated presented a brilliant colour scheme with the Officers and soldiers belonging to numerous regiments, including Indian and African soldiers.

Every conceivable kind of uniform was to be seen, the whole being flanked by flower beds, while in front were the greenest lawns.

His Majesty the King replied to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in a speech which was transmitted by gigantic loud speakers throughout the grounds, and broadcast all over the country.

The conclusion of His Majesty's speech was marked by a renewed outburst of cheering and the waving of hats and handkerchiefs, followed by a salute of twenty-one guns. Simultaneously, three hundred flags, representing all parts of the Empire, were broken. They fluttered gaily in the breeze.

MEMORIALS FOR THEIR MAJESTIES.

Their Majesties received a number of engineers and workmen. The King was presented with a memento in the form of a gold model of the world.

The Colonial Secretary's daughter presented Her Majesty the Queen with a bouquet, and the band and choirs played and sang British music. Massed bands joined in "Rule Britannia," which the spectators rose and sang as Their Majesties departed.

SCENES IN THE GREAT ARENA.

The most brilliant and enthusiastic period was the appearance of Their Majesties in the arena with a glittering escort and four state carriages with four horses apiece.

His Majesty the King wore a Naval uniform, and Her Majesty the Queen wore a fur cloak. The bands crashed out the National Anthem as they alighted.

There was a profound silence, when the slight figure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales rose on the dais. The Prince's words were pronounced in sharp tones which penetrated throughout the great arena. This was followed by hand-clapping. His Majesty the King then read his reply, every word of which was heard with the greatest clearness, after which the Bishop of London offered a prayer, which was followed by a salute of guns.

A pretty incident occurred at the close of the ceremony, when a telegraph messenger ascended the Royal Dais with a large letter informing His Majesty that his special message "I have this moment opened the British Empire Exhibition" went round the world in eighty seconds. The boy was loudly cheered as he crossed the arena.

TEXT OF ROYAL SPEECH.

In opening the British Empire Exhibition His Majesty King George V. said: "It gives me the greatest pleasure and satisfaction to come here to-day with the Queen for the purpose of opening the British Empire Exhibition. Our heartiest congratulations are due to the Board of Management, to the Executive Council, and to all who worked with and under them, for the marvellous organisation and industry which have produced this triumphant result. I am well aware of numerous adverse circumstances, including exceptionally unfavourable weather, which had to be faced. These were successfully overcome by arduous labours, carried out with resolution and goodwill. Many who, like the Queen and myself, have seen the work in its earlier stages, can appreciate to the utmost the skill and toil which have translated a magnificent conception into this splendid reality that now stands before us."

WELCOME TO DOMINIONS' REPRESENTATIVES.

"I am happy to welcome the representatives, both official and unofficial, of my Dominions beyond the seas, and to express the pleasure we all feel that they are taking part in to-day's opening ceremony. You have said that your object has been to produce a picture of our Commonwealth of Nations. No one can doubt that this has been fully attained. The Exhibition may be said to reveal to us the whole Empire in miniature, containing within its 220 acres of ground a vivid model of the architecture, art and industry of all the races which come under the British flag. It represents to the world a graphic illustration of that spirit of free and tolerant co-operation which has inspired the peoples of different races, creeds, institutions and ways of thought to unite in a single Commonwealth, and to contribute their varying national gifts to one great end."

"This exhibition will enable us to take stock of the resources—actual and potential—of the Empire as a whole; to consider where these exist, and how they

best can be developed and utilised; to take counsel together as to how the peoples of the Empire can co-operate to supply one another's needs, and to promote national well-being."

"It stands for the co-ordination of our scientific knowledge and common effort to overcome disease, and to better difficult conditions which still surround life in many parts of the Empire."

EMPIRE CO-OPERATION.

"Think, for example, of the scientific work accomplished in recent years for the prevention and treatment of tropical diseases. And it is easy to imagine how greatly this exhibition can contribute towards the progress of our tropical territories, and the development of the yet unexplored capacities of the Empire."

"Our thoughts go back to the great exhibition of 1881, associated for all time with memories of Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort, and to the brilliant hopes of growth of international peace and friendship with which it was inaugurated. Our object here is not quite so ambitious, and for that very reason perhaps more hopeful of attainment. We believe this exhibition will bring the peoples of the Empire to a better knowledge of how to meet their reciprocal wants and aspirations, and that where brotherly feeling and the habit of united action already exist the growth of inter-imperial trade will make the bonds of sympathy yet closer and stronger. Business relations between strangers may or may not lead to friendship. Co-operation between brothers for the better development of the family estate can hardly fail to promote family affection."

BENEFITS TO BE EXPECTED.

"We hope further that the success of the Exhibition may bring lasting benefits not to the Empire only, but to mankind in general. No nation, or group of nations, can isolate itself from the main stream of modern commerce, and if this Exhibition leads to a greater development of the material resources of the Empire and to the expansion of its trade, it will at the same time be raising the economic life of the world from the disorganisation caused by the war. I declare the British Empire Exhibition open, and I pray that by the blessing of God it may conduce to the unity and prosperity of all my peoples, and to the peace and well-being of the world."

EARLIER CABLES.

BARONY FOR SIR JAMES STEVENSON.

London, April 22nd. At the opening of the Empire Exhibition, Sir James Stevenson will be created a baron.

MR. BRUCE'S CABLE.

Later. On the occasion of the opening of the British Empire Exhibition, Mr. Bruce has cabled to the High Commissioner for Australia in London a message which he concludes as follows: "Let us on this day, in the spirit that animated and sustained our fathers, pledge ourselves by loyalty to the Empire's products to build up on the lasting foundation of the prosperity of every individual citizen, a greater and a nobler Empire than we have yet known; and one which, owing its existence to supremacy in the arts of peace, will remain the greatest factor in maintaining peace."

BRITISH WORLD FLIGHT. MACLAREN FORGING AHEAD.

Bombay, April 22nd. Squadron Leader A. C. S. MacLaren, in the flying-boat Vulture, has arrived.

HELIOPOLEIS OUTRAGE.

Cairo, April 22nd. The student who was arrested on Saturday in connection with the murder of Corporal Ryan, and he has disclosed the name of his accomplice.

He declared that his object was to create trouble between the Egyptian Ministry and the British Residency.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

Wellington, April 22nd. The mail services are being maintained by means of motor-cars.

Many industries are seriously affected. The locomotive men are the only railway workers who hitherto have not struck work.

HOME FOOTBALL.

English and Scottish Leagues.

London, April 22nd. The results of the Association football matches played on April 21st are as follows:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. 1.

Arsenal, 0; Everton, 1. Aston Villa, 0; Newcastle U., 1. Cardiff, 1; Middlesbrough, 0. Notts Forest, 1; Preston, N.E., 1. Tottenham H., 4; Manchester C., 1. West Brom. A., 3; Sunderland, 1. West Ham, 2; Sheffield U., 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clydebank, 2; Hearts, 2. Partick T., 3; Queen's Park, 0. Third Lanark, 3; Hamilton A., 2.

TUESDAY'S MATCHES.

The matches in the English League played on April 22nd resulted as follows:—Huddersfield, 1; Burnley, 0. Tottenham H., 0; West Ham, 1.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEWFOUNDLAND SCANDAL. SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST EX-MINISTER.

St. John's, April 22nd.

Sir Richard Squires, ex-Prime Minister of Newfoundland, has been arrested on a charge of the larceny of \$20,000. Mr. Alex Campbell, ex-Minister for Agriculture, Mr. John Meaney, ex-Liquor Controller, and Mr. Whitford McNeilly, ex-clerk of the Crown Lands Office have also been arrested on charges dealing with the larceny of \$400, \$200,000, and \$30,000 respectively. Sir Richard Squires, Mr. Meaney and Mr. McNeilly have been admitted to bail in \$40,000 each. Mr. Campbell's bail is in \$4,000. Mr. Alex Rooney, Accountant-General of the Post Office has been charged with the larceny of \$3,000. He escaped to Canada a fortnight ago. Mr. William O'Reilly, an ex-Magistrate in Placentia, is being brought here to be charged with obtaining \$12,000 by false pretences.

WORK RESUMED AT SOUTHAMPTON.

London, April 22nd. There has been a general resumption of Southampton shipyard employment. Lock-out notices have been withdrawn throughout the country.

BURGOMASTER MURDERED.

Paris, April 22nd. Advice from Speyer state that unknown persons in a motor-car assassinated Herr Helfrich, Burgomaster of Muehlwiler.

EARLIER CABLES.

LYDD GEORGE AND LABOUR.

London, April 22nd.

Mr. Lloyd George, in the course of a speech delivered at Llanfairfach, declared that it was absolutely untrue that there was a revolt against Mr. Asquith. There was, however, a revolt against the humiliating conditions under which the Liberal party are expected to keep in power a Parliament that never concealed its hostility towards Liberals. Labour speakers said that the Liberal party were effete and done for. They were told that there would not be an election for two or three years. Meanwhile Liberals were to be the ones to draw Labour over the rough road in Parliament and finally be slaughtered. Mr. Ramsey MacDonald in three months had dissipated his stock of goodwill of those who put Labour in office. The Labour Party should consider their attitude before it is too late.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

W. T. TILDEN.

New York, April 22nd. The Lawn Tennis Association, replying to W. T. Tilden, expresses surprise at the doubts regarding his eligibility and reiterates that he is qualified to play in the Davis Cup Competition and the Olympic Games. It requests him to attend a meeting of the former Committee to be held on April 25th.

HARRY THAW DECLARED SANE.

ECHO OF FAMOUS LOVE DRAMA.

Philadelphia, April 22nd. The jury at an inquiry into the mental condition of Harry Thaw, who killed the famous architect, Stanford White in New York in 1906, and was subsequently incarcerated in different lunatic asylums, has declared him sane and competent to handle his large estate. His mother supported his claim to sanity, but his former wife, Evelyn, and the Thaw estate contested it. The jury deliberated for seven hours, and the opposition suggested a new trial.

EARLIER CABLES.

DISARMING TALK.

President Coolidge expands after lunch.

New York, April 22nd. President Coolidge, addressing the Associated Press at the annual luncheon announced that with the definite settlement of the German reparations firmly established, he was in favour of calling another World Conference to consider the further limitation of armaments and the modification of International Law. The Washington Conference did a great deal to restore international harmony, and goodwill, but the questions of submarines, aircraft and land forces are still unsolved. President Coolidge described the Dawes Report as being unsurpassed in importance since the Armistice, and he trusted that it would commend itself to all European Governments interested as a method of arriving at a stable adjustment of reparations. President Coolidge indicated that private American capital would be forthcoming for a loan to Germany.

UNTIL NEXT TIME.

MEXICAN REBELLION SAID TO BE ENDED.

Washington, April 22nd. The Mexican Embassy announces that with the occupation of Progreso, Merida and other cities in the Yucatan peninsula the rebellion in Mexico is ended.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SIXTH SENTENCED AT SHANGHAI. DISGRACEFUL SCENES OUTSIDE CONSULATE.

Shanghai, April 23rd.

Disorderly scenes in the grounds of the British Consulate followed the passing of a sentence of two months' hard labour on the Sikh Harbak Singh, on a charge of publishing seditious literature. After the verdict, crowds of Sikhs outside the Court, cheering the prisoner, rushed the doors, which the Magistrate ordered to be closed; but the police were overwhelmed by the crowd. A few men were arrested but released again. The Sikhs formed a procession and marched off, chanting. Harbak read a long statement, denouncing the British Government in India, alleging that Reuter's news from India was fictitious and saying that Indians knew the truth from their own newspapers. He thought his duty was to tell other Europeans and Americans.

SHANGHAI BILLIARDS FINAL.

Shanghai, April 23rd.

In the Shanghai Billiard Championship Final, Captain Barrett scored 1,200 and Mr. Gordon Morris 1,015.

CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY WRANGLE.

QUESTION OF A THIRD PARTY.

Peking, April 23rd.

The French Minister's Note to the Manchurian, dated April 16th, maintains the attitude put forward in the last French Note regarding the Russo-Asiatic Bank and the Chinese Eastern Railways. The Note lengthily and academically reviews Dr. Wellington Koo's Note and quotes several points therein, contending that they might be taken in support of the French view.

Reference is made to France not having recognized the Soviet, and it is argued that the agreement with the Soviet regarding the bank and railway should be classed as dealing with a third party, which Dr. Koo's Note stated was not permissible.

LINCHING OUTRAGE CLAIMS.

Peking, April 23rd.

In connection with the Linching claims, the Manchurian has asked the Diplomatic to confer with it on that subject.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

WORLD EXHIBITION AT SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, April 22nd.

Mr. G. A. Bens, an English merchant, has written to the General Chamber of Commerce suggesting that a meeting of public bodies be held to consider the advisability of holding a World Exhibition at Shanghai.

STRIKE IN KWANGTUNG.

A PEKING MANDATE.

Peking, April 22nd.

A mandate issued at midnight says that the Government has received a communication from General Chow Hung-yin expressing regret at the internal strife from which Kwangtung particularly has suffered, that the people are tired of domestic upheaval, and that the new Constitution offers an opportunity for rehabilitation. General Chow Hung-yin declared his devotion to the task of reunification and loyalty to the Central Government. The mandate then instructs General Chow Hung-yin to suppress local disturbances with a view to reunification. General Chow Hung-yin, who is one of Chen Chiung-ming's faithful followers, recently left Waichow for Amoy, and was principally responsible for the recent defeat of General Tang Chih-ping.

According to Consular dispatches, it was arranged that when General Chow Hung-yin defeated Tang Chih-ping and had settled affairs in that region, he was to be joined by the Fukien troops and then return to Waichow, after which further important operations would follow.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

RESOLUTIONS BY JAPANESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

EXCLUSION OF JAPANESE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Kyoto, April 22nd.

The Federation of Chambers of Commerce throughout Japan held their annual meeting to-day.

The following resolution was passed:—"We deeply regret the passing of the Japanese Exclusion Immigration Bill by the United States Congress, thereby seriously interfering with the traditional friendship and trade between America and Japan, and we earnestly desire a satisfactory solution of this question for the sake of the maintenance of peace in the Pacific Ocean and the promotion of trade between the two countries."

The resolution is to be sent to Mr. Hughes as well as to the American Chambers of Commerce.

The Federation are also telegraphing another resolution to the International Chamber of Commerce at Paris:—"The operation of the American Merchant Marine Act will disturb international trade relations, and therefore we hope you will exercise your best endeavours towards abolishing this Act based on the principle of equal treatment to two nations."

PREMIER ON HIS PROFESSION.

PRaise OF THE BRITISH PRESS.

SOME THOUGHTS ON EDITORS.

The Prime Minister was the guest of the London Press Club at dinner last month, when he made a delightful after-dinner speech. Mr. Arthur Henderson, Home Secretary, and Mr. Stephen Walsh, Secretary for War, were also among the guests.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, who presided, before Mr. MacDonald's speech, handed to him a silver inkstand, inscribed, "From the London Press Club to Ishbel, with love on her 21st birthday." On the bottom of this gift to the Premier's daughter were inscribed the words, "Say what you like, but be careful what you write."

The Prime Minister, who addressed the company as a fellow journalist, said he did not mean to be sentimental; for one reason, because he had already spoken at two open-air meetings during the day, and at three or four indoor ones. "And a tired man can never be sentimental," he said; "but with this very delightful token of your friendship in front of me expressed in a way that only the most tender of friends could express it, I feel exceedingly sentimental at the moment. My dear little girl, Ishbel, will receive this not only with great gratitude because it comes from you and because of the circumstances under which it has been presented to her, but she will always value it as an expression of fellowship. I hope, as long as she lives, an expression of fellowship from men who belong to the same profession as her father follows. It is, as our American friends would say, a real good of you to have done this. It touches me very much indeed to have received this for Ishbel with your love from your hands."

"I am not sure about the morality. To me the words 'Say what you like, but be careful what you write' amount to this, that it is always safer to shudder than to rebel. You see, that is a professional touch. I hope, my friends, that that philosophy does not come from the depths of your own experience. I can remember days when editors used to earn very carefully everything that a rather wild leader-writer used to hand in to the printer, and in that searing, alas, alas, the finest kicks in those paragraphs were always kicked out."

GLANZING AHEAD.

The Prime Minister declared it was an honour to have his health toasted at the club. I feel that you have not only asked me to-night as Prime Minister, but as a fellow journalist. (Cheers.) "Now, my friends, when it is your good pleasure that we should go out—(laughter)—I suppose I will have to return to the old ways. Instead of writing dispatches I will have to write leading articles, and instead of going through a most sumptuous room at the Foreign Office, I will have to return to the den of which you are all so very familiar, because, you see, before I dined with the Gods I supped with the Muses. When that day comes, before I am quite aware of the fact that the gorgeous night with all its dreams is over and the great realistic dawn has appeared, like a policeman, I shall go back to the old ways and say to those of you sitting at the supper tables of the Muses, 'Just sit up a little bit closer and give me a chair.' At the present time envelopes come encasing notes of fillet. By and by envelopes will come encasing nothing but bills unpaid. But when that time comes, I will return to a very old and very honourable and very important profession—the profession of the journalist. (Cheers.)

"Sometimes I think, my friends, that you treat yourselves too cheaply. The journalist, the great craftsman, the man who sits down with a blank piece of paper in front of him and can fill it with ideas accurately expressed, finely put, deftly represented, is really a man who ought to be proud of himself and proud of his work."

THE MARK OF THE BRITISH PRESS.

The Prime Minister mentioned editors, and remarked parenthetically that his experience of editors had destroyed his conception of French ones. "Oh, those editors! If we could only get rid of them how much our Press would be improved! (Laughter.) How our columns would sparkle. How the circulation would go up. (Laughter.) But how the Law Courts would be kept on full time, and not on half time!" He was amazed at one thing there: he thought they were all Scotch. He often lived over his old days as a journalist with profound satisfaction. No later experience had given him more pride than the appearance of his first leading article in a London newspaper.

The Prime Minister concluded with a tribute to the British Press and the British journalist. "You can compare our Press with the Press of any country in the world," he declared. "You can compare our journalists with any journalists in the world, and we have no reason to offer an apology. Our American friends have got their greatness. They have got their wonderful newspapers, so have the French, so have the Germans, or at any rate they did have them. But the English Press, the English journalist, has still got that elusive quality of fine independent distinction which makes him and makes his Press special in the whole world. So long as that lasts—and I see no signs of its decay—fellow journalists, we may be proud of the walk that we have chosen as our walk in life, and we may be perfectly certain that the profession by which we are earning our living is an honourable profession, and one to which we belong, and hope to belong, with great pride." (Loud cheers.)

The Thirty-nine Articles offend both the Catholic spirit and the liberal spirit, and I would be very thankful to see them displaced.—Bishop Gurn.

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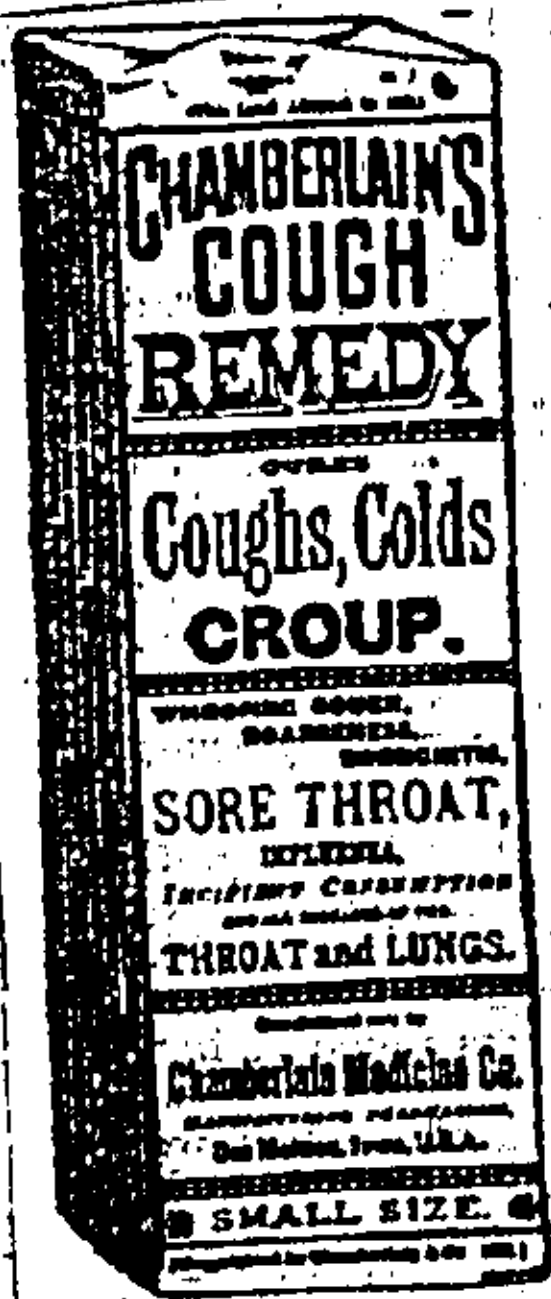
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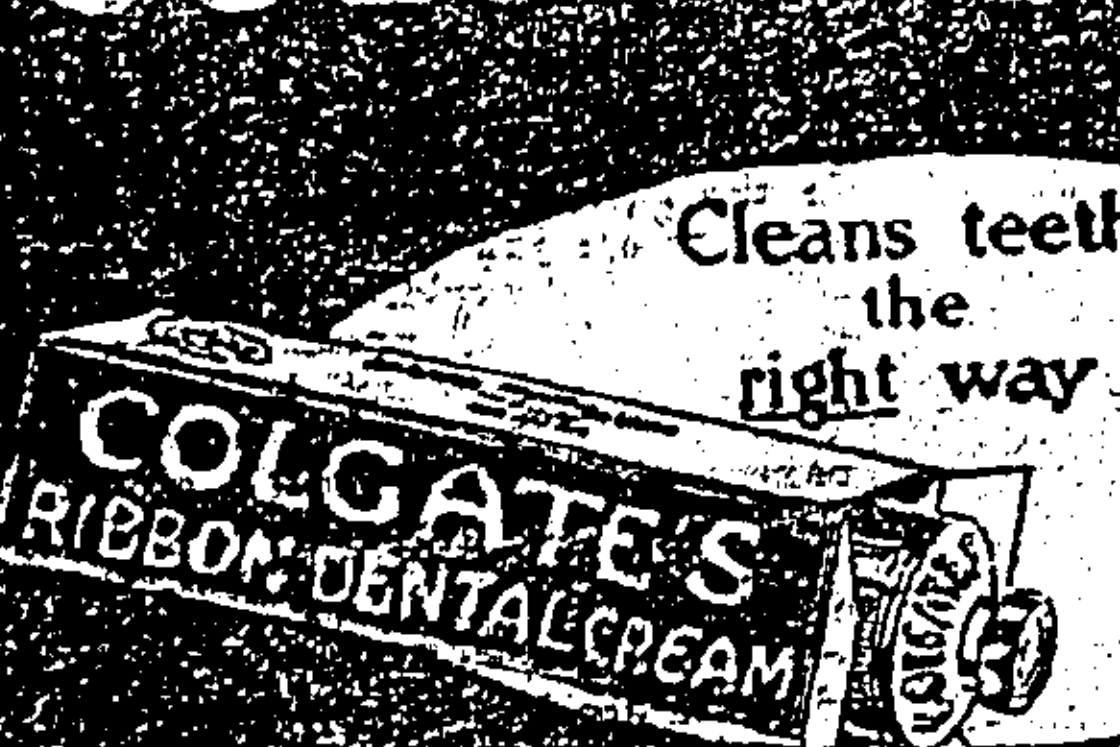
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FROM COTTAGE TO PALACE.
FORMER MINER AND HIS MILL-GIRL WIFE.
HOLDING LEAVES AT HOLYROOD.

As a wee laddie I used to be taken over to Holyrood Palace and look with awe at the ancient home of the Stuarts, never dreaming that one day I'd come to live there.

This remark was made by Mr. James Brown, M.P., the Socialist member for South Yorkshire, to a London Evening News representative who congratulated him upon his appointment as Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The office has hitherto been held by Scottish nobility and carries a salary of £2,000 a year. The State apartments of the ancient palace are occupied by the High Commissioner, as representative of the King, during the Assembly, and Royal salutes are fired in his honour.

Continuing, Mr. Brown said:—
It's a wonderful change for us all. My wife came quite realise it yet. When I told her about the office she just gasped—that's all. Now she's beginning to rise to it. She will be her Grace after the announcement of the appointment is made.

But just because a Socialist and the tenant of a £20-a-year miner's cottage has been given the office, it does not mean that any of the old dignities or traditions will be departed from. I'm a strong believer in maintaining the ancient dignities of office.

I'll make no difference. I'm going to show Scotland—and England as well—that a Socialist and a miner can do things properly and maintain the historic traditions. Of course, I'm tremendously proud to think that I've been chosen, but it will make no difference to my mode of living.

I'll just be Jamie Brown and keep on living in my miner's cottage of two rooms and a kitchen. The home in the mining village was good enough for me to take a bride to 35 years ago, and it's good enough for us now. We've lived there ever since we were married.

My wife was a mill-girl, working at paper finishing, when we married. I started work in the coal pits at the age of 12 years, and I've worked ever since then.

For over 35 years I've been superintendent of the Sunday school at home. The kids have made me what I am, for in the park I learned my lessons as a youth and a man, and there I debated as a member of the literary society.

As Lord High Commissioner I shall leave my cottage and travel to Holyrood Palace. For a few weeks I shall live in the home of the Royal Stuarts. I shall hold leaves, as the representative of the King, and shall ride in the State coach.

Then at the end I shall return to my £20-a-year cottage, the place where my boys were born and where I took my bride. The office I am taking up has for 35 years been regarded as the prerogative of the aristocracy.

All that is changed now, but the change will not mean that a single dignity will be sacrificed.

MARRIAGE BY PROXY.
IMMIGRANTS' SCHEME TO ELUDE THE QUOTA.

A situation rich in humour suddenly developed recently in the administration of the immigration laws of the United States. Owing to three judicial decisions permitting aliens who have already landed in the States, to bring in their wives, thousands of aliens, a New York correspondent says, are rushing towards American shores in defiance of the stern rule of the quotas.

The legal comedy was opened by a Jewish rabbi named Gottlieb who, after claiming and receiving exemption as a minister of the Gospel, claimed exemption for his wife. The court ruled that she could land on the ground that the quota law is in addition to the immigration law, not a substitute for it.

Profiting by this ruling an Armenian named Markarian asked home, got married, and returned demanding exemption for his bride. He won his case.

It was succeeded by the case of a Spaniard named Nadaf, admitted to the United States in 1920, who in October 1922 married by proxy a pretty Spanish girl.

Learning that marriage by proxy is legal in Spain, the judge who heard her case ordered her to be admitted.

On hearing of this decision, aliens everywhere throughout the country picked up their ears. An Italian frigate arrived at New York with 2,000 steerage passengers who, though the Italian quota was exhausted on December 7th, all claim exemption under the Markarian decision. Once more Ellis Island is crowded.

The immigration officials foresee endless trouble and draw fanciful pictures of hordes of foreign women being married by proxy with the aid of wire-ropes on the voyage to America.

[The Immigration amendment Act which is now before congress now doubt provides a remedy for these difficulties.—Ed.]

WOMEN'S WANT OF DRESS.
CARDINAL'S STRICTURES.

Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and head of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, in his Lenten Pastoral, said Ireland had always been justly proud of the reserve and scrupulous modesty of her women and girls, which had clung to them in every country. But, he added:

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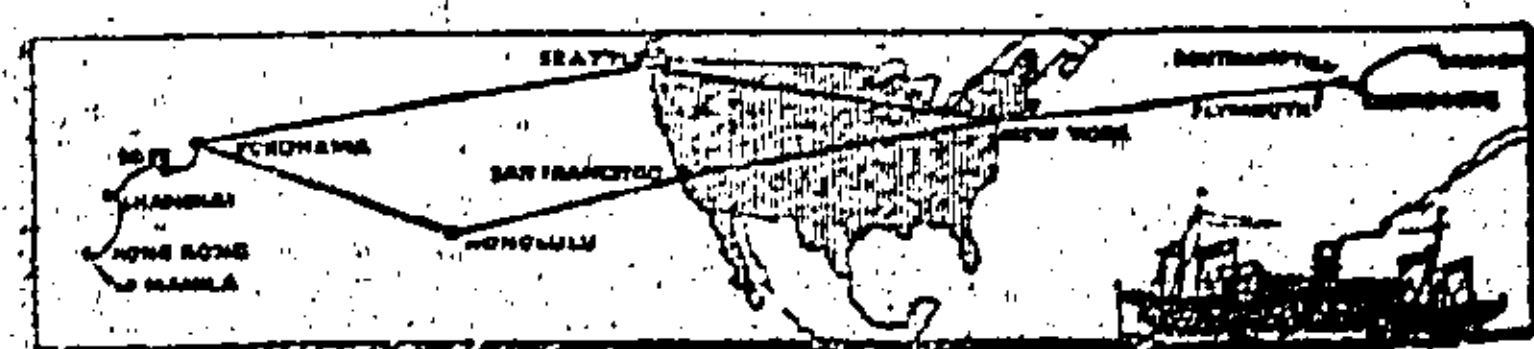
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SILK CARGO FAST TRIP.

The N.Y. *Journal of Commerce* notes an unusually fast trip made by a silk cargo from Yokohama to New York, via Vancouver, over the Canadian Pacific by rail and steamer. This shipment was that which arrived in Vancouver on the *Empress of Russia*, having left Yokohama at 4.40 p.m., Monday, February 16th, and docked at Vancouver, 8.15 p.m., Monday, February 19th.

A special train of silk left Vancouver, via the Canadian Pacific and New York Central, in two hours and thirty minutes after the steamer docked, and the silk was delivered in New York at 1 p.m. on March 1st. This makes a through time from Yokohama to New York of thirteen days, twenty-one hours, and twenty minutes, calendar time.

This did not constitute a record for silk transportation, however, as the fastest time which has ever been made by any combination of railway and steamship lines via any route was that made on silk shipped on the Canadian Pacific Steamer *Empress of Canada* in June last year. The actual time from Yokohama to New York was twelve days, twenty-one hours and forty-five minutes. This was six hours and fifty-six minutes faster than any time ever made through any Pacific ports.

FIRE IN SHIP'S HOLD.

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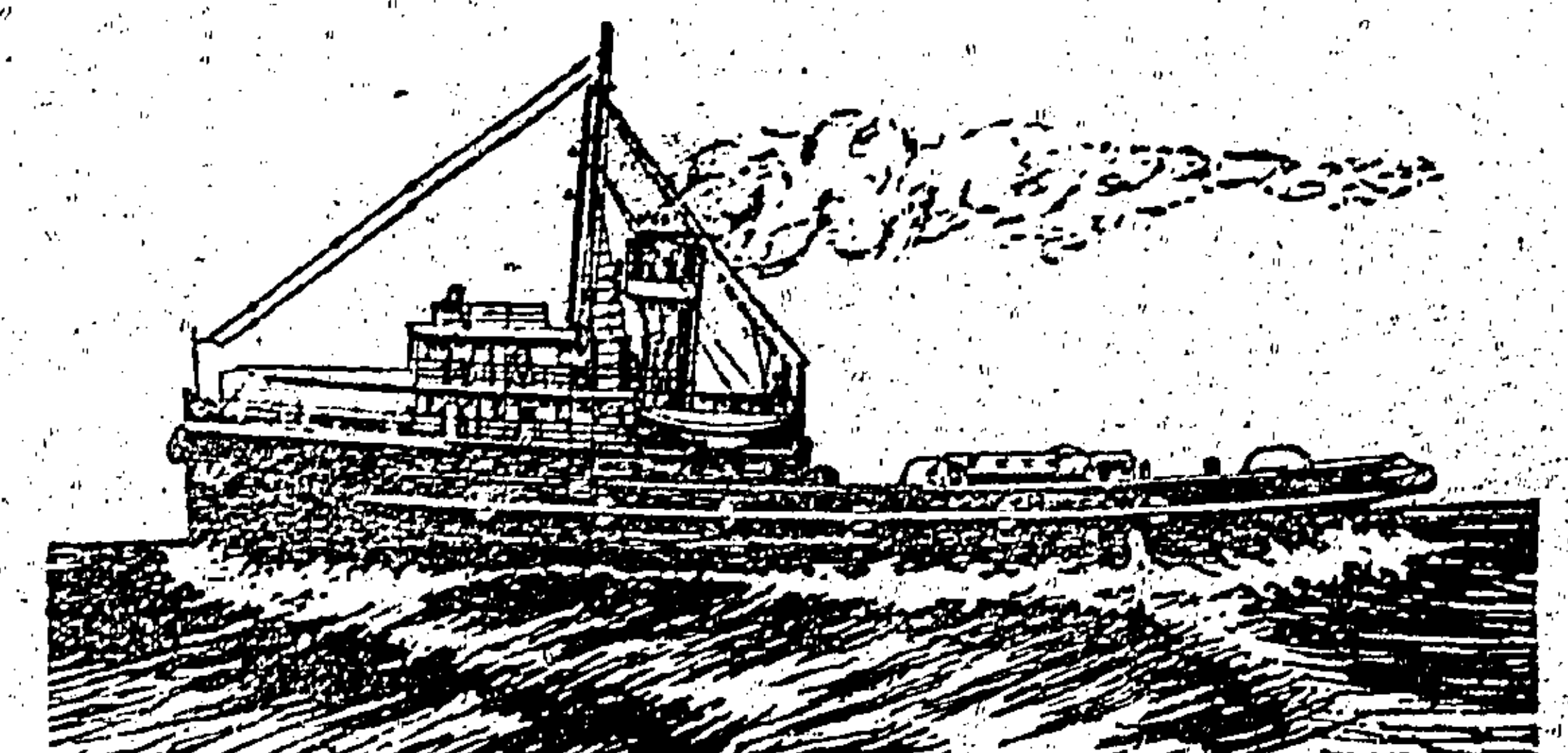
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